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A THERMAL PROTECTION SHEATH
AND ITS FABRICATION METHOD

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 18, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 36 as follows:

36. (amended) A method of fabricating a protection sheath including a substrate (10, 14) and a reflective foil (20) adapted to be fixed to said substrate (10, 14), characterized in that it includes the following steps:

- elastically stretching the substrate (10, 14) from a relaxed configuration;
- fixing the reflective foil (20) to the stretched substrate (10, 14); and
- elastically shrinking the substrate (10, 14) into said relaxed configuration in order to pleat the foil (20) on the